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MINUTES
OF THE
TOMBIGBEE ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
EBENEZER CHURCH
BELMONT, TISHOMINGO COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI.

OCTOBER 20, 21, 22 AND 23, 1900.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD WITH

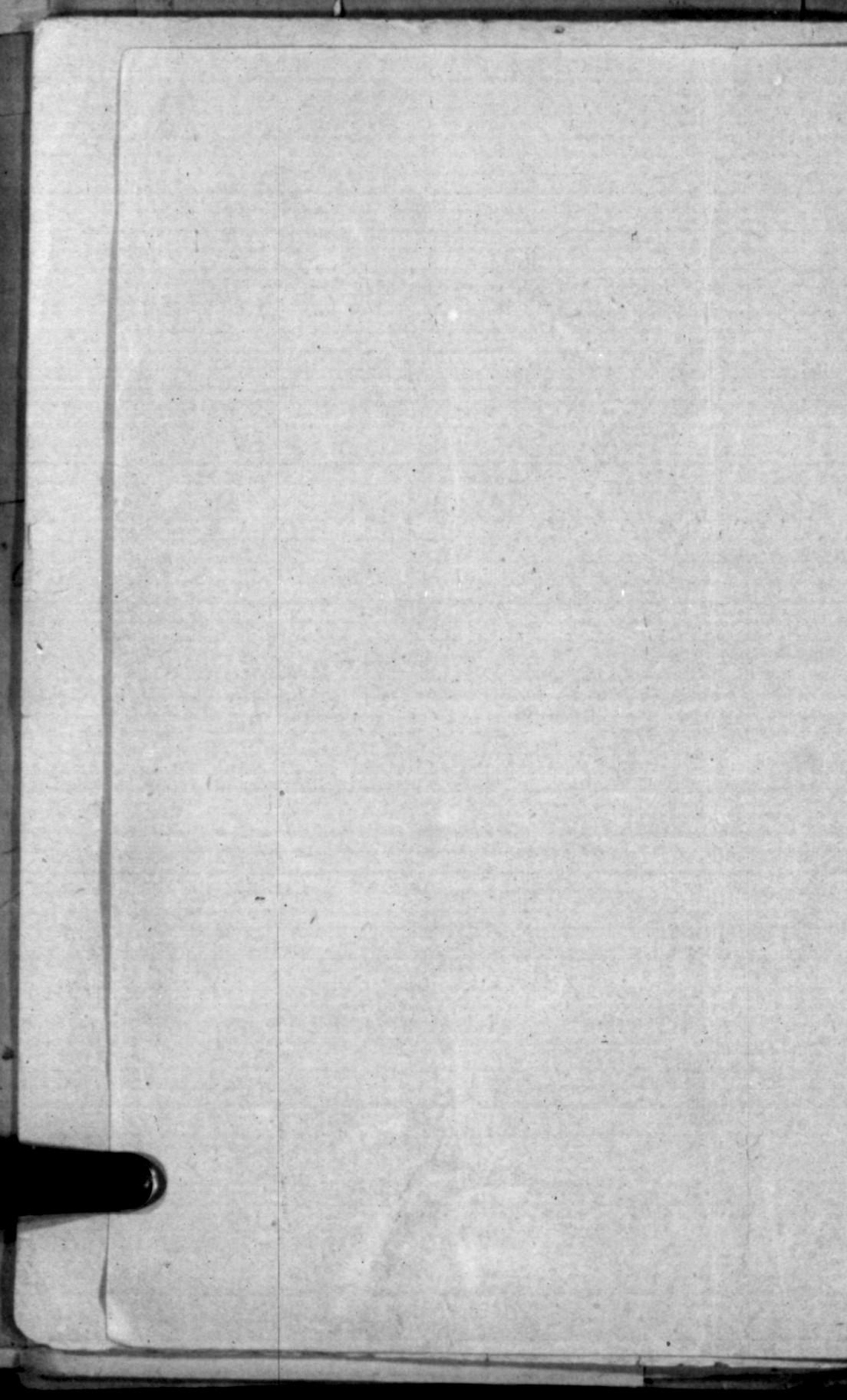
BETHANY CHURCH

TUESDAY BEFORE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER,
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ONE.

W. M. CHAFFIN, MODERATOR,
EASTMAN, MISSISSIPPI.

F. M. BLOUNT, CLERK,
HIGHLAND, MISSISSIPPI.

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MINUTES
OF THE TOMBIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD AT
EBENEZER CHURCH, BEGINNING SATURDAY, OC-
TOBER 20th, 1900.

At eleven o'clock the body convened and in the absence of Elder N. T. Clayton and his alternate, the Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder L. R. Burress of the Tishomingo Association. Subject, Duty of Parents to Children.

After refreshments, the body came together and the Moderator, Wm. M. Chaffin, appointed W. T. Shook and W. E. Gilbert reading clerks, also appointed Finance committee as follows: R. J. Hammett, T. J. Johnson and John McRae. Letters from churches read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Pleasant Grove: R. C. Burns, J. K. P. Scott, and J. M. Kennedy. Providence: W. R. Grimes, W. B. Hopkins, T. B. Wilson and W. N. Garner. Bethel: W. D. Cranford, T. J. Johnson, W. B. Sample. Bethlehem: M. C. Hill and W. P. Gray. Mt. Pleasant: E. A. Senter, Thos. Wileman, S. R. Thomas and G. J. Senter. Prospect: J. D. Mann, F. M. McDonald, J. R. Mann and W. I. Upton. Harmony: Joe Pharis, W. T. Taylor and C. M. Spencer. Jackson's Camp: J. A. Smith, P. M. B. Reynolds and W. S. Holly. Ebenezer: W. E. Gilbert, W. T. Shook, O. L. Phillips and J. F. Looney. Fairview: J. H. Graham, E. L. Martin and J. F. Vinson. Union: E. L. Cain, H. T. Harris, C. M. Armstrong and Chas. Mann. Red Bud: R. J. Hammett, R. L. Timmons and M. L. Parker. Mt. Moriah: G. W. Cook, T. J. Doster, W. F. Raper and Thos. Priddy. Union Grove: W. P. Farrar, W. T. McNiece, Holly Wallace and R. B. K. McFadden. Bethany: M. C. Benson, W. M. Chaffin, C. D. Holly and N. Hale. Evergreen: R. W. Terrell, D. Allen, W. T. Allen and J. J. Little. Salem: T. J. Johnson, C. S. Bean and W. O. Waddle. Antioch: A. Hodges and A. R. Kent. New Home: G. W. South, R. V. Wheeler and Charles Spencer. Highland: J. A. Blount, G. T. Gardner, J. E. Gurley and F. M. Blount.

Call for Petitionary letters.—One presented from Good Springs. A. J. Steel, Geo. W. Yarbör and J. S. Campbell received and moderator gave right hand of fellowship.

On motion of Elder J. F. Benson the former moderator and clerk was elected by acclamation.

Call for Correspondence.—Eld. J. S. Stockton of Big Bear Creek, L. R. Burress, W. C. Denson and W. C. Du-bois of the Tishomingo were presented and invited to seats with us.

Devotional Committee was appointed: W. T. Shook, J. K. P. Scott, George Yarber, with deacons of Ebenezer church.

On motion the moderator was authorized to make appointments of committees during the recess of the body.

Adjourned to 8:30 Monday morning.

W. D. Page preached Saturday night: Text, Matt. 8, 25, Subject, Lord Save Us. J. F. Benson preached a missionary sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock, followed by J. S. Stockton and a collection of \$10.45 was taken up.

The following committees were read out by the moderator: Foreign Missions: R. M. Perry, T. J. Doster and R. W. Terrel. Home Missions: W. D. Page, W. E. Gilbert and J. F. Looney. State Missions: J. F. Benson, W. O. Waddle and G. W. Yarbrough. Associational Missions: W. T. Shook, O. L. Phillips and G. J. Senter. Orphans' Home: W. W. Gilbert, Thos Wileman and T. J. Johnson. Baptist Literature: C. C. Shook, J. M. Harrison and R. J. Hammett. Ministerial Education: J. T. Robinson, W. H. Rouse and W. P. Taylor. Temperance: W. E. Gilbert, J. F. Vinson and F. M. McDonald. Sabbath Schools: C. A. Gilbert, E. L. Cain and M. C. Hill. Documents: O. L. Phillips, J. T. Hill and J. A. Smith. Obituaries: J. F. Benson, P. M. B. Reynolds and J. F. Looney. Nominations: W. T. Shook, J. K. P. Scott and Geo. A. Yarbrough. By-Laws: R. M. Perry, J. F. Benson and W. W. Gilbert.

MONDAY MORNING.

Met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by W. D. Page. Call for detained letters. Arrangements of last year adopted.

Elected delegates to Southern Baptist Convention:—J. F. Benson and Wm. M. Chaffin and F. M. Blount, alternates.

Delegates to Miss. State Baptist Convention:—J. F. Benson, J. M. Harrison, W. W. Gilbert, J. T. Robinson and C. A. Gilbert.

On motion all members of this body bearing minutes are authorized corresponding delegates to sister Associations.

CALL FOR REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The report on Baptist Literature was read and amended by adding the Baptist Flag and the Baptist Standard. Spoken to by Elders L. R. Burress, J. F. Benson, W. W. Gilbert and C. A. Gilbert. (Adopted.)

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BAPTIST LITERATURE

We recommend literature published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We further recommend the brethren to read the Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss., also the Southern Baptist, published by Chas. A. Lovejoy, Memphis, Tenn. That we may be able to contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints.

C. C. Sheok, Chairman.

The chairman, W. H. Rouse, read the report on Ministerial Education. Spoken to by Eld. L. R. Burress. Adjourned pending discussion of report for preaching and refreshments. The body met at two o'clock and called for further discussion on the subject pending. On motion the report was adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report as follows: Realizing as we do the need of an educated ministry, we recommend that this body do all they can to educate such as have the divine calling. God has commanded that the gospel be preached to every creature, and we believe our ministry should be educated. Respectfully,

J. T. Robinson, Chairman.

On motion the reports on Missions, Foreign, Home, State and Associational, were all read and discussed jointly. The following brethren spoke on the subject of Missions: W. D. Page, W. W. Gilbert, J. S. Stockton and L. R. Burress. J. S. Stockton called for a contribution for associational work and \$9.00 was laid on the clerks table and \$5.75 was pledged. The reports were adopted as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There is nothing more sacred to the human heart than the last request of some departed friend; there is nothing for which we will more patiently suffer or more cheerfully sacrifice than to fulfill a parting request. This view of the subject should greatly intensify our interest and augment our pleasure in giving the gospel to every creature. The Blessed Jesus gives his parting orders, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," in such way as to appeal to all the tenderest feelings of the christian heart, and to encourage and to stimulate us in our work. Gives the assurance of his own presence to the end of the world. Which promise has been too strikingly kept through all the past, even amid the trying scenes through which our missionaries on some foreign fields have lately been called to pass. But it is needless to theorize upon such a subject. May the spirit impress upon each

christian heart the question, What am I doing for Foreign Missions?

R. M. Perry, Chairman.

HOME MISSIONS.

With command and responsibilities resting upon us, and realizing great negligence on our own part, and realizing that time is swiftly fleeting by, and realizing that giving the Gospel to the world is a great privilege to all christians, dear brethren, we urge that we at once take up this great work that is required of us, and urge that every effort possible be used in order to accomplish all that we can, and submit to you this our report.

W. D. Page, Chairman.

STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions submit the following: The State Mission work is yet going on with all its importance, in which we should feel a deep interest and which we should contribute liberally. First because of the help given us by the Board, and because of the great good being done in our loved state by them. Submitted.

J. F. Benson, Chairman.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We your committee on Associational Missions submit the following: Next to the command to love the Lord thy God with all thy mind and all thy strength and thy neighbor as thy self stands the command, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We believe our obligations to preach the gospel is limited by our opportunities and surely our opportunities are great. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. We therefore beseech every brother, every sister, and every one, that you aid in the spread of the gospel in every way possible. We also recommend that the Executive Board secure the services of some one to supply the destitute places during this associational year. Respectfully submitted.

W. T. Shook, Chairman.

Adjourned to 8:30 Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Prayer and praise by Bro. Conwill. Report on Documents read by O. L. Phillips, Chairman, and adopted.

DOCUMENTS.

We notice very few additions to the churches and but very little interest in prayer meetings and Sunday Schools. The present membership of our Association is about 915. The Union Meeting of the First District will be at Liberty Grove church, Friday before the fourth Lord's day in August 1901. Introductory preacher, J. F. Benson and

J. T. Robinson alternate. The Union of Second District will meet with Union church on Friday before the third Sunday in August 1901. C. A. Gilbert Introductory preacher and W. H. Hamilton, alternate. Respectfully submitted.

O. L. Phillips, Chairman.

W. W. Gilbert read report on the State Orphanage, and was discussed by J. F. Benson, W. W. Gilbert and J. T. Robinson.

ORPHANAGE.

We are glad to state that we have such an institution in our great state, where the spiritual, as well as the literal culture, of both soul and body, of the poor orphans of our country can, and do have, proper attention and culture. Without which those dear ones who are left so desolate and lonely, without father or mother, would be left to wind their way through this old sinful world subjects to forlorn hopes and in tatters and rags, and so perchance some of the finest intellects and great usefulness entirely lost to the world. But thank God, in this home we have a preventative. Hence we recommend this home to this body as a worthy object of your hearty and liberal support, believing we will realize that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." For Jesus said, "Me ye have not always with you, but the poor you have always," and when ye will ye may may do them good. Lord help us. Respectfully submitted.

W. W. Gilbert, Chairman.

Report adopted and a contribution of \$6.00 realized.

The report on Temperance was read by the Chairman W. E. Gilbert, and discussed by J. F. Benson, W. W. Gilbert and W. D. Page and adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report: ^ That since our last Association we are persuaded that great improvement has been made in Temperance, that the advice of the committee in last Association is being heeded. God grant that we may continue to add to knowledge temperance. Respectfully submitted.

W. E. Gilbert, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following report: We find from letters there is only one Sabbath School reported within the bounds of our Association. Brethren such a state of affairs ought not to exist any longer. We do most earnestly pray that you wake up on this important subject; knowing that the word of God teaches to bring up a child in the way you have it go

We recommend the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention and also that of the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia. Respt. submitted.

C. A. Gilbert, Chairman.

On motion of R. M. Perry, a special prayer was offered by J. F. Benson that an interest in Sunday Schools might be manifested. (Report adopted.)

The report on Nominations read by W. T. Shook and amended by the words "The body to meet on Tuesday before the Third Sunday in October 1901 at 10 o'clock with Bethany church." (Adopted.)

NOMINATIONS.

We place in Nominations, Bethany church for the next annual meeting of this body, Eld. W. W. Gilbert Introductory preacher, N. T. Clayton alternate; Eld. J. S. Stockton Missionary preacher, and Eld. J. F. Benson alternate Submitted.

W. T. Shook, Chairman.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Minute Fund.....	\$18.37
Foreign Missions.....	2.90
State Missions.....	1.00
Total	\$22.27

BY-LAWS.

✓ We your committee submit the following: [Adopted in 1860 at the formation of the Association, afterwards ratified by the churches.]

ARTICLE 1. We, as independent churches of Jesus Christ do mutually covenant to unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Christ, under the title of the Tombigbee Baptist Association.

2. We agree to hold annual meetings, to be composed of delegates chosen by the respective churches, bearing letters, to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment, and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration; dismissed by letter, excluded or dead, together with the whole number of fellowship. Also average number of Sunday School pupils and number of conversions, amounts contributed to Associational Missions, State Missions, Foreign and Home Missions, Ministerial Education, Support of Pastors, Church Expenses, Church Improvements and total expended, and valuation of church property.

3. We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number one

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hundred members, then one for every fifty above that number.

4. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three consecutive meetings, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its standing and report at the next annual meeting.

5. Other churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed scriptural.

6. We will elect a Moderator and a Clerk by ballot at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the members' names enrolled; letters from petitioning churches being received, that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

7. We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can, at any time, infringe on the independence and rights of the churches. We may, however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as become heretical in doctrine and disorderly in discipline.

8. We will have an Executive Board composed of seven members, elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct.

9. We will correspond with sister associations. Any member of this body whose name appears on our minutes is authorized to represent us in other religious bodies.

10. We will have our minutes read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises and will not adjourn, except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

11. We will, while convened, appoint the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of this body, and elect a brother to preach Associational Sermon. The association may make such alterations and amendments to the Covenant as two-thirds of the members may deem necessary.

By-Laws adopted and ordered printed in minutes.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. T. Shook, R. V. Wheeler, D. A. Neal, W. H. Rouse, J. M. Weaver, Wm. M. Chaffin and F. M. Blount.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries beg leave to make the following report: We find since our last Association the

Angel of Death has visited our midst and taken the following brethren and sisters, viz: Fairview: Sister Nannie Graham, age 38.—Prospect: Sister S. A. McDonald, age 52.—Union Grove: Brother Thos. Morris.—Bethleham: Sister M. L. Hill, age 85; Sister Lucinda Mayo, age 57.—Bethel: Sister Amanda Jackson, age 67.—Providence: Sister Amanda Alverson.—Harmony: Sister Jane Ringer, and Susan Franks.—Mt. Pleasant: Bro. Wm. Robinson, age 29; Sister G. A. Hood, age, 40.—Jackson Camp: Elder D. R. McClung, age 45; Sister C. C. Hill, age 83; Sister Julia Green, age 26. Brethren, let us not mourn as those who have no hope, but remember that our Heavenly Father has taken the most beautiful flowers. Submitted.

(Adopted.) J. F. Benson, Chairman.
On motion of J. F. Benson, a fund was started to erect monument to Eld. D. R. McClung's Grave at Jackson Camp church. \$5.30 was realized in cash and the delegates requested to lay the matter before their churches and send contributions to Wm. M. Chaffin by the first of the year 1901.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1899.

RECEIPTS.

Minute fund.....	\$18.30
Associational Missions.....	4.90
Orphan's Home.....	1.05
Foreign Missions.....	2.00
State Mission.....	1.75
Public Collection Sunday.....	12.20

Total \$40.20

DISBURSED.

Printing Minutes.....	\$12.30
Orphan's Home.....	1.05
Foreign Missions.....	2.00
State Missions.....	1.75
Paid Executive Board.....	11.00
Clerk's Fee.....	6.00

Total \$34.10 \$40.20

Balance..... \$6.10

QUERIES.

Union Church asks: Do the New Testament scriptures teach that a man has a right to put away his wife for any cause whatever? Answer. We think that Matt. 5, 32 and 19-9 teaches plainly that fornication as justifying the man who puts his wife away, and the 7 chapter of 1st Cor. teaches the dissolution of the marriage contract by the wish of an unbelieving husband or wife. On motion Eld. J. F. Ben-

son gave instruction to the members of Union church.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we return our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of Ebenezer church for their kind hospitality to us during the session of this body. We feel that we have made many new friends and that the ties of brotherhood are drawn closer to our hearts than ever. Now we must part, but our parting is not forever; we will meet again, 'till then "God be with you." Respectfully submitted,

CLERK.

On motion adjourned to meet with Bethany church, at 10 o'clock, on Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1901.

F. M. BLOUNT,

W. M. CHAFFIN,

Clerk and Treasurer.

Moderator.

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

J. S. Stockton paid...	\$1.00	Red Bud Ch. paid...	.50
W. W. Gilbert "	1.00	W. T. Shook "	1.00
W. D. Page "	1.00	C. Halmark "	.25
J. F. Benson "	1.00	P M B Reynolds pledged	1.00
W. E. Gilbert "	1.00	J. T. Robinson "	1.00
Union church "	1.00	W. H. Rouse "	1.00
J. F. Looney "	1.00	R. C. Burns "	1.00
L. R. Burress "	1.00	W. M. Chaffin "	1.00

Pledges to C. A. Gilbert, Ministerial Education: W. D. Page, \$1.00; W. W. Gilbert, \$1.00; J. F. Looney, paid \$.75; R. C. Burns, paid \$.25; J. T. Johnson, \$1.00; R. L. Cain, \$5.50; W. E. Gilbert, \$1.00.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. F. Benson	Yale, Miss.
J. T. Robinson	Raburnville, Miss.
A. F. Cole	Coke, Miss.
N. T. Clayton	Tilden, Miss.
W. D. Bookout	Clay, Miss.
J. E. Anthony	Clay, Miss.
J. W. Davis	Rara Avis, Miss.
Joe Farris	Emma, Miss.
W. W. Gilbert	Belmont, Miss.
J. M. Harrison	Mingo, Miss.
L. M. Taylor	Mann, Miss.
W. D. Page	Crippledeer, Miss.
A. N. Cook	Eggville, Miss.
C. A. Gilbert	Iuka, Miss.
Joe Clingan	Mingo, Miss.
W. H. Hamilton	Dennis, Miss.
W. T. McClung	Mann, Miss.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICES OF CLERKS
Mexico Missionary			
Home Missionary			
State Missionary			
Ass'n'l Missionary			
Minute Fund			
Membership			
Excluded			
Dismissed by letter			
Died			
Restored			
Received by letter			
Rec'd. by Baptism			
Day of Meeting			

FIRST DISTRICT:

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICES OF CLERKS
Mexico Missionary			
Home Missionary			
State Missionary			
Ass'n'l Missionary			
Minute Fund			
Membership			
Excluded			
Dismissed by letter			
Died			
Restored			
Received by letter			
Rec'd. by Baptism			
Day of Meeting			

SECOND DISTRICT.

